

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 21-27 are pending. Claim 21 is independent. Claims 21, 22 and 26 have been amended according to the Examiner's suggestions made during the Interview. Thus, no new matter has been added by way of the present submission.

Also, Applicants submit that no new issues are raised by way of the present submission. For instance, the claims have merely been amended to narrow the subject matter formerly examined. Thus, the Examiner is not presented with the burden of additional search and/or examination. In the event that the present submission does not place the application into better form for appeal, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the application into better form for appeal.

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the current rejection and allow the currently pending claims.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing this case with Applicants' representative on January 10, 2011. During the discussions, the Examiner suggested revisions to the term "heterocycle" in the claims; removal of "spiro[2,5]octan" from R⁴; and removal of "1" from variables "m and n." Also, the Examiner made it clear that a RCE is not necessary to enter such amendments and that allowance would follow. Thus, the claims have been amended based on the Examiner's suggestions. By way of such amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims satisfy § 112, first paragraph and are allowable.

Issue Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first Paragraph (Written Description)

Claims 21-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the above rejection.

As explained above, the claims have been amended in a manner suggested by the Examiner. Thus, by way of the present submission, the § 112, first paragraph rejection is moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are therefore respectfully requested.

Request for Interview

If the Examiner wishes any further clarification or amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative and provide a chance to conduct an interview with the Examiner and/or filing another Supplemental Amendment in due course in an effort to get the case allowed.

Conclusion


In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kay Kyung-Sook Chang, Registration No. 56,946 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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